

REMARKS

Please note, the Applicants are no longer a SMALL ENTITY.

The above-mentioned Office Action has been carefully considered.

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled.

Claims 9-20 are now present in this application.

The claims of this application have been rewritten for proper form for a better understanding thereof, and to avoid the cited references. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 2 have been rewritten as new independent Claim 20, with new independent Claim 9 being broader than Claim 20 to afford the Applicants the proper patent protection to which they are entitled.

The claims now present in this application are believed to avoid the cited references as these references do not suggest the the Applicants' invention, rather such a suggestion only could arise after knowledge of Applicants' disclosure.

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by SINGER, U. S. Patent No. 5,308,402, but indicated that Claims 2-8 would be allowable.

In view of the above, new independent Claim 20, which includes all the limitations of Claims 1 and 2 which the Examiner indicated would be allowable, is believed to be patentable over the cited references.

Furthermore, new independent Claim 9 is also believed to be patentable over the cited references in that Claim 9 includes most of the limitations of Claim 1 and also the limitations of Claim 2, particularly the locking second means for providing both the rotational engagement and also a rotational disengagement between the pot feet and the stand assembly.

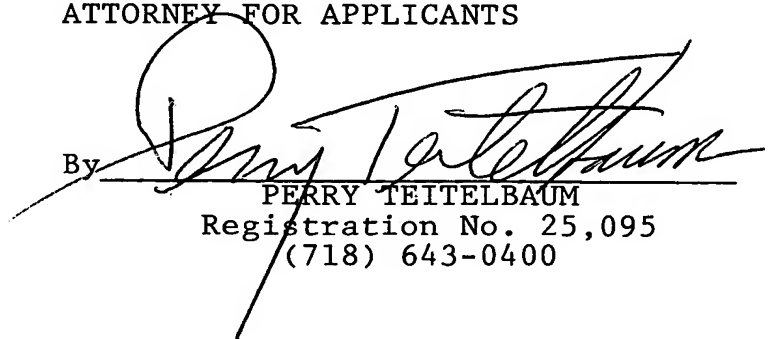
Furthermore, the remaining Claims 10-19 are all dependent upon Claim 9, and are believed to be allowable therewith also for the above-mentioned reasons.

The Applicants now respectfully submit that they have overcome each and every ground of objection and rejection set forth in the Patent Office Action, placing this application in condition for a favorable action.

Reconsideration of the claims is earnestly solicited, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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